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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK ON OPEC HEADQUARTERS--FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

1. THE AUSTRIAN PILOTS (MANFRED POLLAK AND OTTO HEROLD)
AND AUA DC-9 RETURNED TO VIENNA AIRPORT DEC 23 AT 1840 LOCAL
TIME. THE PLANE WAS FLOWN BACK TO VIENNA BY AUA'S CHIEF

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PILOT WHO HAD GONE TO ALGIERS TO ASSIST IN THE RETURN.

2. AUSTRIAN RADIO AND LOCAL PRESS, INCLUDING OFFICIAL "WIENER ZEITUNG", HAS REPORTED THAT GOA INTENDS TO REQUEST RETURN OF TERRORISTS TO AUSTRIA AND THAT FORMAL REPRESENTATION WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT SHORTLY. THE AUSTRIAN POSITION HAD ALREADY BEEN TRANSMITTED TO ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES BY CABLE, REPORTS SAID.

3. IN A FURTHER PRESS CONFERENCE DEC 23, CHANCELLOR KREISKY PRAISED THE COOPERATION OF ALGERIAN AND AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES WHICH HE SAID HAD WORKED VERY WELL, AND AGAIN MENTIONED HIS PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE AND FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA.

4. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE DEC 23 OPEC SEC GEN FEYIDE SAID THAT THE EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS WOULD NOT CHANGE OPEC'S POSITION OR ITS RESOLVE TO REMAIN IN VIENNA. SUCH QUESTIONS, IN ANY CASE, ARE WITHIN THE COMPETENCE OF THE MEMBER STATE MINISTERS, HE SAID. OPEC HAD ALREADY TAKEN UP THE SEARCH FOR A NEW BUILDING IN VIENNA. FEYIDE SAID THAT OPEC HAD REQUESTED "ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURES" FOR PAST CONFERENCES AS WELL AS FOR LAST WEEKEND'S CONFERENCE. FEYIDE OBSERVED THAT HE HIMSELF WAS NOT A SECURITY SPECIALIST AND THEREFORE COULD NOT JUDGE WHETHER THE MEASURES WERE SUFFICIENT. OPEC WOULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITY OF USING SECURITY EXPERTS IN THE FUTURE.

5. FEYIDE SAID THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS HE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER THE OPEC FINANCE MINISTERS' MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 26 WOULD TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED. MEEHAN

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